

CHRIST THE KING



A Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell.

The Bishop:

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SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

19th-20th November 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, And wisdom and strength and honour. to him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Revelation 5.12

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Psalms 28.10

1st Reading: **II Samuel 5.1-**

3: The tribes of Israel gather to proclaim David their Leader, the one who would be their Shepherd-King.

Response to the Psalm: **I rejoiced when I heard them say let us go to God's house**

2nd Readings: **Colossians**

1.12-20: Christ is the image of the unseen God, the first-born of all creation in whom all things were created and reconciled.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessings on Him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 21.5-19:** As he

hangs on the cross and is mocked and jeered, Jesus promises the repentant thief that he would be in paradise with him that day.



This is Catholic Education Week. We pray for all our teachers, staff and pupils that they will continue to follow the way of the Lord. If you are interested in Catholic teaching, please see the posters on the noticeboard and on the parish website. Welcome to the children who will be speaking about their experience of Catholic education at our Sunday Mass. There will be a 2nd collection today for Catholic Education.

Annual Safeguarding Statement from Bishop Toal: "The Diocese of Motherwell wishes to encourage anyone who has experienced abuse by clergy or church personnel, or who have any Safeguarding concerns to come forward and speak to the Diocesan Safeguarding team. You can contact them either by emailing, writing, or calling the Diocesan Advisor. Every effort will be made to offer assistance. We have a mandatory Duty of Care, which requires all allegations of abuse, including non-recent abuse, to be referred to Police Scotland."

Bishop Toal's full letter is available in printed form and on our website.

We welcome to our Vigil Mass the families of our parishioners who died in the last year. As we pray for their eternal rest, we ask the Lord to comfort their dear ones and to fill them with the hope of eternal life. Everyone is welcome to a cup of tea after Mass in the Oratory.

**HYMNS:
Entrance 253**

Offertory Music

Communion 749

Exit 320

*Celebrating Advent through Scripture, prayer and praise, faith and friendship. Meetings in the Church Oratory
Wednesday 23rd November,
Mondays 28th November, 5th &
12th December 7.30-9.30pm.*

Pope Francis' prayer intention for November: Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

October's Lucky Numbers Draw: 1st No 125 John Milloy £125; 2nd No 59 Frances Kelly £75; 3rd No 50 Brian Steele £50. Please contact Eddie Kelly at treasurer@stathanasiuscarluke.org for your winnings.

Volunteers Wanted. St Athanasius Primary School has the opportunity to cultivate the raised garden beds in the Jock's Burn Community Orchard. (John Street - just down the hill from the school). The school are keen to embed learning around growing vegetables as well as encouraging care for our local spaces and fostering wider community links for our children. However, they cannot do this on their own. If you can spare a few hours to help foster this important skill, please contact the school to discuss. Phone: 01555 771418

Please pray for the eternal rest of Betty Halley whose Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 23rd and for Isobel Gardner whose Requiem Mass is on Thursday 24th November. Both Betty and Isobel will be received the previous evening at 6,30pm. May the Lord welcome them home to the banquet of eternal life and comfort their families at this time of their loss.

The document from the Holy See which synthesises all the submissions from throughout the world on the theme of synodality is available to read on our website. It is a beautiful piece of work and well worth spending time reading.

Our local Foodbank has asked that we arrange a Christmas Special Food Drive Collection. Please see the posters on the noticeboard for more information about what is being looked for and bring along your donations as soon as possible. You can direct to the parish anyone in need for referral to the Foodbank.



Christmas gifts for our children will again be most welcome. Please wrap your gift indicating boy or girl and the age group and bring them to the church as soon as possible.

Street Level is advertising for a new Youth and Community Leader. See the poster on the noticeboard and on our website.

Our Mini-Vinnies will be commissioned this Tuesday at 11.30am in the church. The Mini-Vinnies are part of the St Vincent de Paul Society and we keep in our prayers the children who have joined.

SUNDAY TAKEAWAY: The Gospel says that *“the people stood by, watching”* (Lk 23:35): no one says a word, no one draws any closer. The people keep their distance, just to see what is happening. They are the same people who were pressing in on Jesus when they needed something, and who now keep their distance. Given the circumstances of our lives and our unfulfilled expectations, **we too can be tempted to keep our distance from Jesus' kingship, to not accept completely the scandal of his humble love, which unsettles and disturbs us. We prefer to remain at the window, to stand apart, rather than draw near and be with him. A people who are holy, however, who have Jesus as their King, are called to follow his way of tangible love; they are called to ask themselves, each one each day: “What does love ask of me, where is it urging me to go? What answer am I giving Jesus with my life?”**

Pope Francis

HOLY MASS: Vigil of Sunday: Saturday, 6pm; **Sunday:** 11am. **Monday-Friday:** 10am. **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** **Saturday** 5.30–5.55pm and on request.

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